

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, and 12 (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A flower supporting device, wherein a plurality of rotatable beads [[are]] is connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, and the support body is wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame.

5. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 4, wherein the support body is wound on the support frame so that the portions of the support body are staggered one with another.

8. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in any one of the claims 4 to 7 4 and 5, wherein a water containing segment is further installed in the flower supporting device.

9. (Currently Amended) A flower supporting device, comprising:
a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so
that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a
support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion

hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, and
a water containing segment installed in the flower supporting device, The device as set forth in claim 8, wherein the water containing segment comprising comprises a water and shock absorbing material which is composed of a plurality of small-sized spherical balls.

10. (Currently Amended) A flower supporting device, comprising:
a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, and
a water containing segment installed in the flower supporting device, The device as set forth in claims 8, wherein the water containing segment [[has]] having a closed space defined therein, and the space [[is]] being filled with air.

11. (Currently Amended) A flower supporting device, comprising:
a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, and

~~The device as set forth in any one of the claims 1 to 7, wherein a water and shock absorbing material is further installed on an outer surface of each rotatable bead of the flower supporting device.~~

13. (New) A flower supporting device, comprising:

a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, the support body being wound on the support frame so that the portions of the support body are staggered one with another, and

a water containing segment installed in the flower supporting device, the water containing segment comprising a water and shock absorbing material which is composed of a plurality of small-sized spherical balls.

14. (New) A flower supporting device, comprising:

a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, the

support body being wound on the support frame so that the portions of the support body are staggered one with another, and

 a water containing segment installed in the flower supporting device, the water containing segment having a closed space defined therein, and the space being filled with air.

15. (New) A flower supporting device, comprising:

 a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, the support body being wound on the support frame so that the portions of the support body are staggered one with another, and

 a water and shock absorbing material installed on an outer surface of each rotatable bead of the flower supporting device.